

## **Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities**



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Hopkinton/Webster MSW Facilities

The prevention of environmental contamination and the conservation of resources make the proper disposal of solid wastes a priority for our communities. All of the facilities' disposal options have been kept as convenient and cost effective as possible but they do require the cooperation and participation of the public. Please check in at the office. The employees will assist you and answer your questions.

Residents make their most important proper disposal decisions before they get to the facilities. You might want to think twice about products, and their packaging, before you make your purchases. What is just going to end up in the trash? Are you buying more of some items than you can ever possibly use? Are you going to properly dispose of your household wastes that are considered hazardous? And the biggest decision of all. Are you going to take the time to separate recyclables from your trash or are you going to just throw everything away?

Recycling is the foundation of proper solid waste disposal. Discarded items, often made from plastic, containing metals, or covered with ink, aren't technically classified as hazardous but it is cheaper and makes environmental sense to recycle them. Recycling saves resources and reduces potential sources of pollution. A relatively small number of residents and businesses in Hopkinton and Webster have voluntarily recycled over 8,000 tons of common household wastes, and saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, since 1990. You can make a difference (see Appendix I).

### Hours of Operation

Monday	8 AM - 5 PM	Friday	1 PM - 5 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 5 PM	Saturday	8 AM - 5 PM

Office Telephone 746-3810

## MAP

### Stickers

All residents using the MSW Facilities must purchase a “dump” sticker for a dollar. The facilities provide comprehensive disposal services and this system is intended to insure that only residents from the two towns use them. The attendants at the station make a continuous effort to prevent people from other towns from disposing of costly items at Hopkinton’s and Webster’s expense. These stickers can be purchased at the Hopkinton Town Clerk’s Office, The Webster Town Clerk’s Office, or at the facilities themselves by displaying proof that you are registering your vehicle(s) in one of the towns.

### Trash

Residents bringing less than 400 pounds per week of trash to the MSW Facilities are not charged a fee. All trash brought to the station weighing more than 400 pounds is assessed a fee. This charge is currently \$4.00 per 200 pound increment and scheduled to be 1/10 of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative per ton fee as of July 1, 2009.

There are several reasons why fees are charged at the MSW Facilities. Costs for services not being used by all residents and some direct costs incurred by the towns are passed on. There is an ongoing effort to be fair to all taxpayers and to generate revenue where appropriate to keep the property taxes needed to fund the department at a minimum (all fees are set through a public process and governed by an ordinance). Not all revenue is generated through fees. There was over \$75,000 in revenue generated from recycling and metal sales in 2008. In the interest of making sure that all residents have an opportunity to dispose of common wastes free of charge there is an Environmental Appreciation Day every year in June.

On one Saturday every June there is an **Environmental Appreciation Day** at which all residents, commercial enterprises excluded, can dispose of their chargeable wastes for free. Stumps cannot be brought in because the station gets buried and there is a limit on the amount of tires accepted free because the day becomes an area magnet for them. If you’re willing to wait for this day your excess trash, C&D, white goods, tires, etc. can be disposed of free of charge. This day is promoted and mailers sent out every year. Check at the Transfer Station or keep an eye on your mail (June 27, 2009).

### Construction & Demolition Debris

The recycling and proper disposal of Construction & Demolition wastes are a priority at the MSW Facilities. Residents can dispose of up to 400 pounds free of charge. Any amounts over 400 pounds are assessed at \$10.00 per 200 pound increment. If materials are properly separated there is a \$7.50 charge per 200 pound increment.

Wood	All painted and stained wood, including plywood, pressed board etc. go in with the C&D wood. Hinges, molding, etc. are OK. No creosote or pressure treated. Wood is recycled into a fuel.
Shingles	All asphalt shingles go in a separate bunker. They are converted into a construction aggregate.
Porcelain	All porcelain tubs, sinks, etc. go in with the glass. They will be ground up into a construction aggregate.
Furniture	Leave intact if it might have reuse potential. Ask an attendant.
Masonry Materials	Ask an attendant. Some can be salvaged or ground up with the Highway Dept.'s crushed gravel.
All Other C&D	Pressure treated wood, sheetrock, etc.

## Electronics

The proper disposal of electronics is mandatory at the Hopkinton/Webster MSW Facilities. There is no charge for residents. Commercial enterprises are charged directly at the Towns' electronics disposal rate with no markup. (See Appendix II)

Computers, Stereos,  
Radios, Games, etc.

Some units are reclaimed, some parts are salvaged, some components are reprocessed, and waste is properly disposed of.

Video Display Devices  
(TV Screens, Monitors, etc.)

Cathode Tubes, imaging technologies, etc., are removed and salvaged if possible. Heavy metals are recovered and waste is properly disposed of.

Cell Phones

Refurbished, salvaged, or properly disposed of.

Small Appliances

Some refurbishing. LCDs, electronic components, etc. are removed. Metals are separated for recycling and waste is properly disposed of.

Large Appliances (White Goods)

\$ 10.00 charge for units requiring refrigerant removal. \$ 5.00 charge for handling others. Metals are recycled.

Batteries

Wet Cell (vehicle batteries) – are recycled for metal recovery.

Rechargeable, Ni-Cd, Li-ion, etc. are collected separately for metal recovery and proper disposal.

Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D) batteries are now manufactured with < .25% mercury and can be disposed of with regular trash. Alkaline batteries with > .25% mercury can be recycled. Collected at office for inspection.

Fluorescent Bulbs

Collected at the office for mercury extraction and proper disposal.

Mercury Containing Items

Thermostats and thermometers containing mercury are collected at the office. **No Broken/Leaky Items!**

Propane Tanks

Must be empty with valve open. Collected for metal recycling.

Waste Oil

Must be clean and unmixed with other fluids. Used in waste oil furnaces.

Antifreeze

Must be clean and unmixed with other fluids. It is recycled.

Tires

There is a charge depending on size and if they are on the rim. Tires less than 16" w/o a rim are \$2.00 each. Ask an attendant.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bring to the annual collection event. It is held every fall in Henniker and specific information is publicized by poster, flyer, paper ads, and a mailing well in advance. (see appendix III)

Metals

Separated for easier recycling and higher revenues. There is a small charge for large volumes. Ask an employee.

Leaf & Yard Waste

Prohibited from the trash chute by law. It is composted, screened, used on local ball fields, and given to residents.

Brush & Clean Wood

Nothing painted, stained, etc. No plywood, pressed board, etc. Must be clean and less than 5" in diameter. Absolutely no trash. Burned on site according to local & state regulation.

## Appendix I

### Recycling

Cardboard	Corrugated cardboard only. Please flatten boxes. Cardboard can also go in with the mixed paper but we ask you to separate it out if possible because it generates a little more revenue.
Mixed Paper	Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, cereal boxes, 6-pack carriers, etc. Anything that tears. (no books with hard covers or bindings)
Glass	All glass goes in together. This includes window glass, Dishes, ceramics, etc. No windshield or reinforced glass.
*Aluminum	Soda, beer, and juice cans only. No cat food cans, aluminum foil, etc.
*Steel Cans	Tuna, dog and cat food, vegetable, soup, etc.
*Plastic (#1 & #2 only) (collected separately)	#1 PETE: beverage, soda, water, etc. #2 HDPE Translucent: milk jugs, etc. #2 HDPE Mixed Colors: laundry soap, shampoo, etc. No wide-mouth, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.
Textiles	Clean clothing and shoes. No rags or soiled items. Please drop off in bags.

\* Food residue and sweet liquids attract animals and insects. Please rinse if necessary.



## Appendix II

### **Commercial Rates For Electronics Disposal**

Commercial enterprises can dispose of items at a per unit cost if they have less than 10 items. More than 10 items can be disposed of at the towns' per pound rate (currently \$ .10 per pound).

Large TV	\$ 15.00	Med TV	\$ 10.00
Large console	\$ 20.00	Small TV	\$ 5.00
Computer (complete)	\$ 10.00		
Monitor (15")	\$ 6.00	VCR/DVD, Stereo, Speakers, Radios,	
Monitor (> 15")	\$ 8.00	Scanners, Camcorders, Microwaves,	
CPU	\$ 2.00	Small Appliances, etc.	\$ 2.00

## Appendix III

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collections**

**No** explosives, ammunition, asbestos, radioactive material, PCBs, pathological wastes, etc. No waste from commercial entities. These events are for residents only.

**Don't bring** empty containers or empty aerosol cans. No latex paints, they can be given away for reuse or dried out and thrown away.

**Please Bring** cleaners, polishes, thinners, solvents, oil based paints, photog. & chemistry supplies, antifreeze, wax, moth balls, powders, weed & bug killers, fertilizers/herbicides, outdated medicines, floor/window cleaners, wood preserve./varnish/sealants

**2009 Event, Saturday-October 3, 2009, 9 AM – 1 PM, at Henniker Highway Garage**

